

## Provisional Vital Statistics for April 2004

**Live births** increased in April as 6,514 Missouri babies were born compared to 6,409 one year earlier. Cumulative births for the 4- and 12-month periods ending with April also increased. For January-April, births increased by 6.5 percent from 24,320 to 25,910.

**Deaths** decreased in April as 4,476 Missourians died compared to 4,686 in April 2003. For the 4 months ending with April, deaths increased by 8.1 percent while for the 12 months ending with April, deaths decreased by 1.7 percent.

The **Natural increase** in April was 2,038 (6,514 births minus 4,476 deaths). For the 12 months

ending with April the natural increase rose from 20,921 to 22,074.

**Marriages** decreased sharply in April primarily due to irregular reporting. This also affected the large marriage decrease for the 4- and 12- month periods ending with April.

**Dissolutions of marriage** increased in April, but decreased for the 4- and 12- month periods ending with April.

**Infant deaths** decreased for all three time periods shown below. For the 12 months ending with April, the infant death rate decreased from 8.7 to 7.3 per 1,000 live births.

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<u>Item</u>	<u>April</u>				<u>Jan-Apr. cumulative</u>				<u>12 months ending with April</u>				
	<u>Number</u>		<u>Rate*</u>		<u>Number</u>		<u>Rate*</u>		<u>Number</u>		<u>Rate*</u>		
	<u>2003</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2004</u>
<b>Live Births</b> .....	6,409	6,514	13.7	14.3	24,320	25,910	13.0	13.7	76,906	77,120	13.1	13.5	13.5
<b>Deaths</b> .....	4,686	4,476	10.0	9.8	20,174	21,814	10.8	11.6	55,985	55,046	9.8	9.8	9.6
<b>Natural increase</b> ....	1,723	2,038	3.7	4.5	4,146	4,096	2.2	2.2	20,921	22,074	3.2	3.7	3.9
<b>Marriages</b> .....	3,121	1,265	6.7	2.8	10,311	7,589	5.5	4.0	42,153	37,264	7.4	7.4	6.5
<b>Dissolutions</b> .....	1,716	1,871	3.7	4.1	7,337	7,020	3.9	3.7	22,575	22,129	4.1	4.0	3.9
<b>Infant deaths</b> .....	62	53	9.7	8.1	234	192	9.6	7.4	670	565	8.2	8.7	7.3
<b>Population base</b> ..... (in thousands)	...	...	5,704	5,738	...	...	5,704	5,738	...	...	5,649	5,684	5,716

\* Rates for live births, deaths, natural increase, marriages and dissolutions are computed on the number per 1000 estimated population. The infant death rate is based on the number of infant deaths per 1000 live births. Rates are adjusted to account for varying lengths of monthly reporting periods.

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